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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: RD&E Board Meeting, 20 January 1971

1. Attending the meeting were:

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Mr. G. Miller

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2. A draft compilation of requirements developed by DDI based on recommendations of Agency production offices was distributed. This compilation will be the first item for discussion at the meetings beginning 26 January.

3. The procedure to be followed for the planning session was reviewed.

4. I recommended that greater emphasis be given to the establishment of R&D levels by the Directorate/Office concerned when R&D activities are primarily addressed to the support of a single Directorate's responsibilities, e.g., the NPIC R&D work relates

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almost exclusively to NPIC analysis, production, and other responsibilities, so the judgment as to the R&D level which is consistent with the budget available for other NPIC work must rest with the DDI. This is not intended to preclude the development of a full understanding or assessment by the other Directorate representatives of these activities, but simply reflects their lesser opportunity for developing an informed judgment. R&D which supports a variety of possible uses such as microminiaturization, power supplies, etc., must be treated in a broader manner and reflect several inputs.

5. It was agreed that at least one of the programs to be developed would have to be at about the level of, say, the FY-72 level. [redacted] As a tentative point of departure, Directorates should submit the distribution they would recommend, assuming that this level were achieved by raising each office total by [redacted] based on the totals for 1972 in the PPB distribution of 14 December 1970. [redacted] noted that this was unacceptable since DDP 1973 needs had already been reviewed and established. Unilateral Directorate development of a budget figure can not constitute an inflexible input to the Agency R&D Plan ignoring the total budget level. If the amount for any activity is inadequate at any particular level this can be noted in the discussion of the impact of that level or as an issue.

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6. An approach to relating the detailed R&D program plans to the needs--those identified in the DDI compilation plus others--was discussed.

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